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Dear Sir:

This reply is filed to respond to the non-final Office Action dated November 8, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 8-12, 15-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,826,256 ("Devanbu"). Claims 13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Devanbu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,202,072 ("Kiwahara"). Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Devanbu, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,784,635 ("Mcallum").

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